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## Summary of Recommendations

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RECOMMENDATIONS	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY <sup>(1)</sup>
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### LAND USE AND ZONING

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| 1. Rezone Industry C and Industry A-1 Districts                  | CDD     |
| 2. Strengthen Sheridan Square as a neighborhood retail district. | CDD     |
| 3. Improve vehicular circulation in Sheridan Square.             | Traffic |

### DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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| 1. Improve inter-departmental coordination of development review processes.         | CDD |
| 2. Improve CDD development review process.  | CDD |
| 3. Develop new land use recommendations to respond to recurring community concerns. | CDD |

### MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

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| 1. Examine Special Permit criteria.                                      | CDD     |
| 2. Establish binding design review for large scale development projects. | CDD     |
| 3. Protect historic properties.  | CHC     |
| 4. Restrict delivery and trash pick-up hours.                            | Traffic |
| 5. Remove billboards and strengthen sign ordinance.                      | CDD     |
| 6. Landscape and build seating areas.                                    | DPW     |
| 7. Assist property owners to upgrade commercial buildings.               | CDD     |

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**ALEWIFE**

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| 1. Monitor proposed Alewife Brook Parkway road improvement plans of Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works.                   | CDD        |
| 2. Conduct a new Environmental Impact Report for revised Alewife Brook Parkway improvements (plan as presented Fall 1988). | EOTC       |
| 3. Update Alewife Revitalization Plan.   | CDD        |
| 4. Develop environmental plan for Mystic River Valley Watershed area.  | CCC        |
| 5. Strengthen Metropolitan District Commission land management.  | MDC        |
| 6. Update comprehensive hydrological data.   | CCC        |
| 7. Consider a Wetlands Protection Ordinance.   | CCC        |
| 8. Expand technical review capacity of Conservation Commission.  | CCC        |
| 9. Transfer Flood Plain Special Permit Review to Conservation Commission.  | CDD        |
| 10. Construct Alewife Boulevard after Alewife Urban Design plan is updated.  | CDD        |
| 11. Improve safety in Alewife area.  | Police     |
| 12. Clarify agency jurisdiction for maintenance and public safety in Alewife.  | City & MDC |
| 13. Improve pedestrian access to Fresh Pond Shopping Center.   | EOTC       |

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**TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

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| 1. Develop traffic mitigation regulations for commercial developments.           | CDD     |
| 2. Promote regional transportation planning.                                     | CDD     |
| 3. Encourage public transportation improvements.                                 | MBTA    |
| 4. Continue traffic mitigation efforts with businesses.                          | CDD     |
| 5. Permit only the minimum parking spaces allowed by zoning in the Alewife area. | CDD     |
| 6. Encourage minimal commercial parking in Porter Square.                        | CDD     |
| 7. Continue enforcement of parking regulations.                                  | Traffic |
| 8. Establish new truck delivery hours.   | Traffic |
| 9. Involve residents when changing traffic patterns and parking regulations.     | Traffic |
| 10. Install traffic signals near Fitzgerald School.                              | Traffic |

**HOUSING**

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| 1. Preserve existing housing stock and promote homeownership programs.  | CDD |
| 2. Develop program to target rent controlled units to low and moderate income people and provide incentives to upgrade rent controlled buildings. | RCB |
| 3. Appoint Task Force on Section 8 Expiring Use Restrictions.   | CDD |
| 4. Examine conversions of two and three family homes for their effect on affordable housing.  | CDD |

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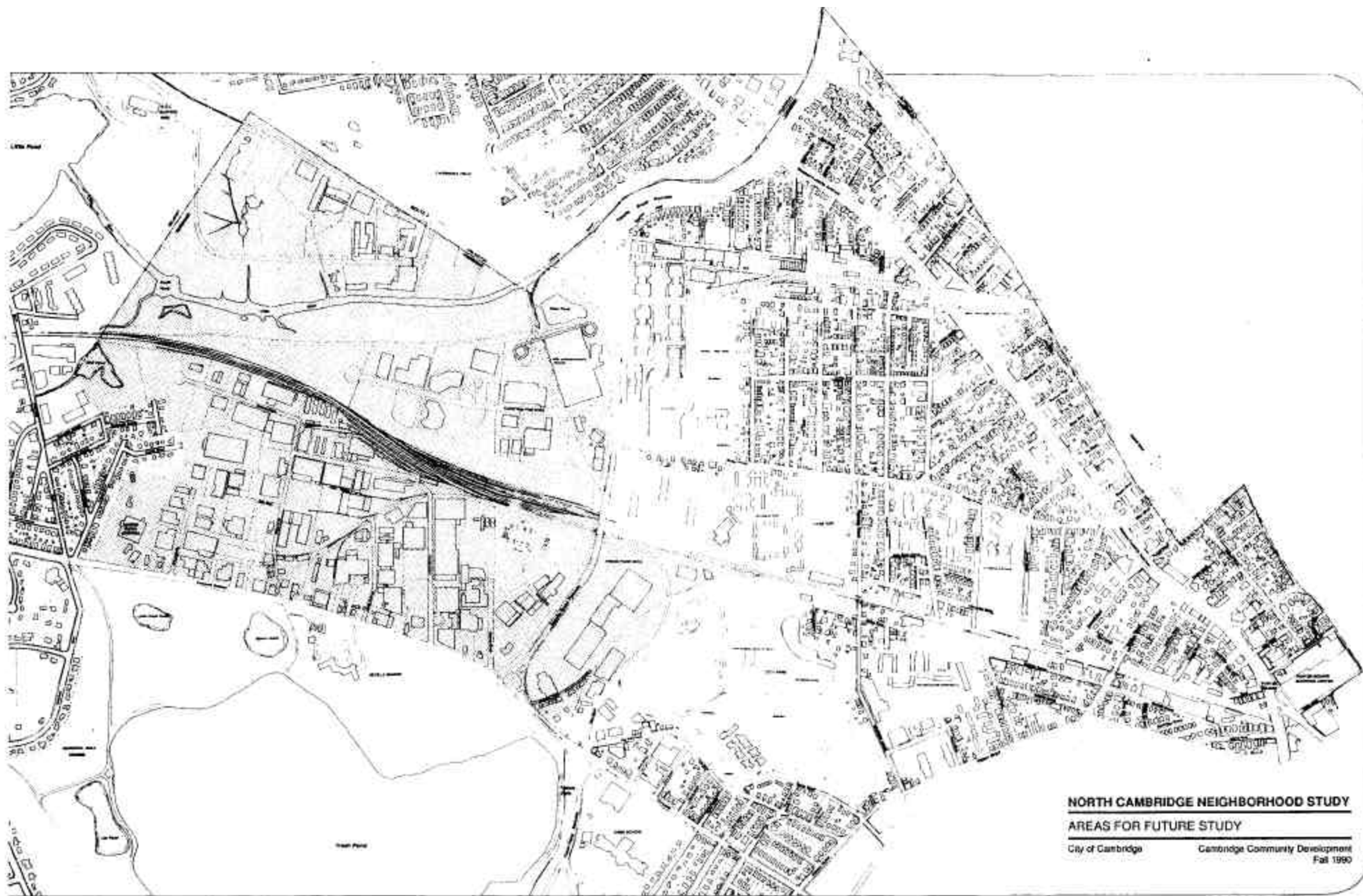
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5. Promote residential development in keeping with the scale and character of existing residences, and include affordable units.	CDD
6. Incorporate regulations requiring affordable housing in North Cambridge rezoning petitions.	CDD
7. Strengthen Linkage Program.	CDD
8. Revise Townhouse Regulations.	CDD

#### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

1. Complete the comprehensive park maintenance study.	City Manager
2. Develop a North Cambridge Open Space Plan.	CDD
3. Increase community role in park planning.	CDD
4. Provide for the special needs of handicapped persons.	CDD
5. Improve public safety in the parks.	Police
6. Improve maintenance and safety of Linear Park.	DPW
7. Increase street tree plantings.	DPW
8. Improve grooming of existing trees.	DPW
9. Renovate the Pemberton Street park lot.	CDD

#### **<sup>(1)</sup> ABBREVIATIONS**

CDD	Community Development Department
EOTC	Executive Office of Transportation & Construction
CHC	Cambridge Historical Commission
DPW	Department of Public Works
MDC	Metropolitan District Commission
CCC	Cambridge Conservation Commission
MBTA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
RCB	Rent Control Board
CHC	Cambridge Historical Commission



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**AREAS FOR FUTURE STUDY**

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